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Chapter Gathering

First Saturday of every month at Hy-Vee in Altoona

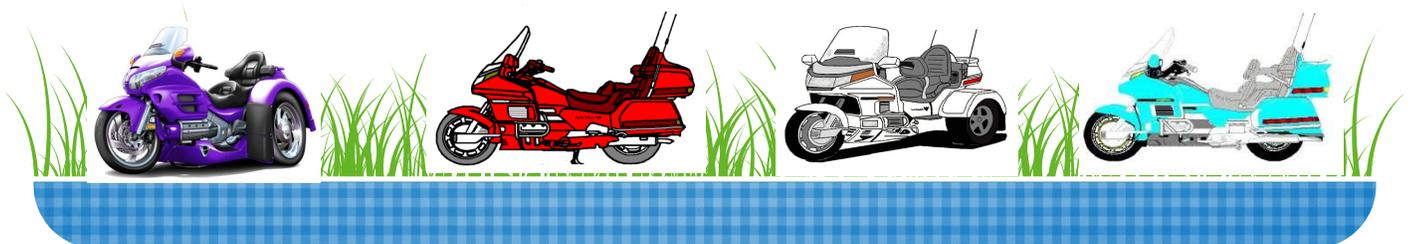
108 8th St SW, Altoona

Breakfast 7:30AM - 9:00 AM

Meeting 8:30 AM

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Well, Old man winter was harder on some us than others but there is light at the end of the tunnel. We have had interesting seminars this year and I hope each of us was able to take some thing from them to enhance our safe riding. The first group ride, though it was small, was very windy to say the least. However it was a great 130 some miles of riding pleasure with friends. The new meeting place seems as though it will work out just fine. We had a great turnout for the first meeting there and things seemed to flow smoothly. Hy-Vee is very accommodating and works with us to make things come together, That location is 108 8th St SW Altoona. Meeting will start at 8:30 am. Be sure to check the calendar on our website as there have been some changes and may be more to come. We are planning a Memorial weekend ride. More to come on that. We are very excited about the Des Moines Ronald McDonald House project. If you have any questions on this please contact Barb Dietrich or Roberta McAfee. Let's all have a fun and safe riding season.

Dave and Diane Tingle

Directors Chapter A

Des Moines, IA





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SHEEP OUTRIDERS



Randy & Debbie's submission is on page 5. I could not get it to fit in here.

Thanks for your understand...Beve

Randy and Debbie Heath
Assistant Chapter A Directors



What Does GoldWing mean to you???

By: Debbie & Randy Heath

G -is for Gaining Friends, Family and Knowledge in Gold Wing circle.



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O-is for Onward to the curves, hills and valleys.

L -is for Long Rides that bring us to wonderful and beautiful places, and an occasional meal.



D -is for Dependability of the machine we ride.

W -is for Winging It, for those times we're not sure which road to take.



I -is for involving ourselves more with our friends that ride with us.



N -is for the Never Ending Fun we have while being with our friends on trips together.



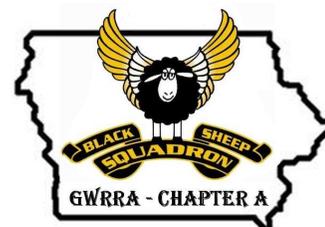
friends on trips

G -is for of course, Gold Wing ! The most spectacular motorcycle there for US !!!



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LETS RIDE AND BE SAFE !!!





John & Pam McDowell
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SHEEP TALES



John here with Pam.....We ask ourselves every year, why do we live in Iowa? But, after the weather sorts itself out, by the middle of April, the beauty starts coming back. We have been watching a pair of red-headed woodpeckers drill their new home in our tree, that we can observe from our deck. They are really fun to watch!

On Mar. 24, we had our first Dinner “No” Ride. It was too cold to ride, but 17 Black Sheep showed up at the Wig & Pen in Ankeny.

On Mar. 26, Ed and Betty Thornton hosted a Maintenance Day in their garage. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate to ride, so the 13 Black Sheep that were there ate goodies and shared stories.

Our last Monthly Gathering was Apr. 2. We had 42 Black Sheep and 6 guests in attendance that included 4 members of Chapter W. This was a good turnout since our meeting place got moved to the Hy-Vee in Altoona. We introduced Rambler, our new mascot for the Chapter A RAMS (Retired Active Motorcycle Sheep).

On Apr. 14, we had our first real Dinner Ride to Team 36 Bar & Grill in Mitchellville. Dave and Diane Tingle led 11 bikes/trikes with 18 Sheep on the ride. The weather was really nice and everyone was glad to get the riding season started.

There will be a Dinner/Seminar on Apr. 21. It will start at 6:30 p.m. at Bianchi Boys Pizza in Altoona. The topic is Group Riding. Come earlier if you want to eat.

On Apr. 28, there will be a Dinner Ride to Papa’s Pizzeria in Polk City.

Meet at Bomgaars on NE 14th St. at 6:30 p.m. for a group ride.

On Apr. 30 & May 1, Dennis Irvin is planning an Apple Blossom Festival Trip in Nebraska City, NE.

Our next Monthly Gathering will be May 7 at the Hy-Vee in Altoona. Meeting start time is 8:30 a.m. in the second floor meeting room. Come earlier if you want the breakfast buffet. There will be a ride after, weather permitting.

On May 12, there will be a Dinner Ride to Sports Page Bar & Grill in Pella. Meet at Bomgaars on NE 14th St. at 6:30 p.m. for a group ride.

There will be a Camping Weekend May 21-22. Details are yet to be announced.

On May 26, there will be a Dinner Ride to Saints Avenue Café in Boone.

The Memorial Weekend Trip for May 28-30 is still in the planning stage.

As always, refer to the Chapter A website calendar for all event details and any changes that may occur.

John & Pam McDowell
GWRRA IA Chapter A
Membership Enhancement Coordinators





RAM WISDOM



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This month we talked about an app for those with smartphones that could be really useful in a situation where you become injured or have some medical situation where EMS or anyone is needing information on you to help you. One of the first things done now by EMS is to look through someone's phone looking for emergency contacts and any information they might need.

A friend told us about an app like this and Donna and I both did some research and found one we both like. There are plenty of these you can find in the Apple Store or in Google Play Store.

The one we like is called ICE Card. For those that don't know, ICE stands for **In Case of Emergency**.

This app comes up whenever someone tries to access your phone, even if it is locked. It allows you to add personal information and information to contact anyone you want to have contacted. It has different tabs to put in information such as diseases, medications, allergies, and one for additional data. You can create profiles for other people so if you want to include your significant other or children you can do that as well. You can program it to send an emergency message or alarm to selected people.

Having information like this for EMS or anyone trying to help you can potentially be a lifesaver.

It was brought up that some people didn't like having this kind of information available to anyone who might come across your phone should you lose it or it gets stolen. I personally don't have a problem with what I have on mine but it is something to consider. Don't put any information there that you don't want to have potentially be seen by those who have no need to know.

There are many of these kinds of apps out there so check them out and find one you like.

Now, for those that don't have smart phones, what do you do?

Well there are a number of things you can do. You can get a thumb drive and make a word document with all your information on it. There are places out there that will sell you a thumb drive with pre-formatted categories to fill in. Our very own Scott has a few still left for sale that he has made up. Most EMS personnel have access to a thumb drive reader nowadays and this would be a quick way for them to have needed information should you not be able to communicate. You could also just print out your document and put it in some sort of vial to keep it safe.

If this is how you choose to do it, make sure you have something on your bike to let people know where they can get to this information. Roger and Laura and I believe a few others have a note telling people that medical information is in one of the fairing pockets. Just let them know where it can be found.

Even on non-smart phones, you can still have contacts with ICE before their name and EMS personnel will find that.

It all boils down to find a way to store emergency information so that those that need it can get to it in the event something happens to you and you are not able to help yourself.

Dennis and Donna

Rider Educators

Chapter A



WEB & NEWSLETTER NEWS



Memorial Day



Web Master: Scott Johnson
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Scott & I have nothing to report this month. Scott has made No new changes to the web page recently, but I am sure that won't last long ;)

We still have a few Chapter hats left if you are in need of replacing your hat. Hats are \$9.00 each.

If you have a story you would like to share in the newsletter, please have it to me before the 15th of every month. If you are sending in a picture, please send details of the picture along ie: where it was taken, when it was taken etc.

To ALL the veterans out there, we Thank you for your service.

Scott & I wish you Happy & Safe riding this season!!

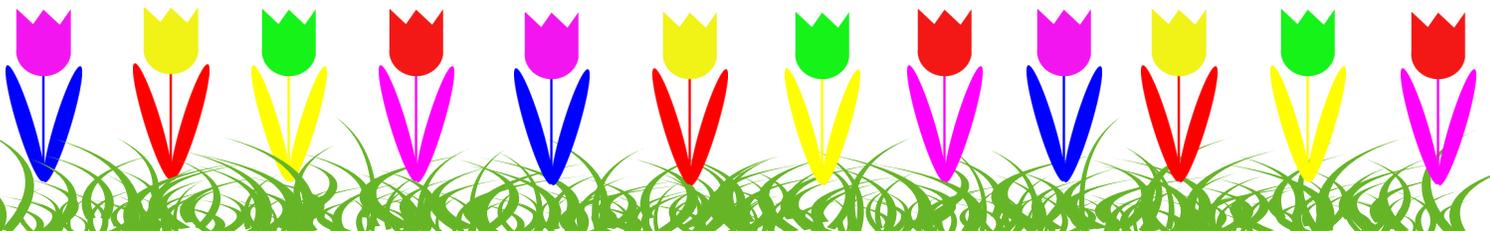
Thanks!
Scott Johnson
<http://www.qwrraiachapa.com>



2016 CHAPTER COUPLE OF THE YEAR

CONGRATULATIONS

DEBBIE & RANDY HEATH



RALPH SWANK AWARD

Do you know someone in GWRRA that you feel is deserving of recognition???

Write a letter nominating that person or persons to Tom Wright at gwrwright@mediacombb.net , let him know why this person or persons is deserving of this prestigious award. Letters must be in to Tom before the end of July, so start writing your letters now. Ralph Swank joined GWRRA in December of 1980, and was given the member number (4062); he became an Area Rep. {now called Chapter Directors} for Chapter A in Des Moines, Iowa, in December of 1981. This was the first Chapter started in the state of Iowa; he remained in this position until May 1983. Ralph was a very strong backer for GWRRA and would participate in almost every rally and function that involved GWRRA. Many rallies were put on at Camp Sunnyside during his time in office including rallies for Easter Seals, and the United Way, as representing GWRRA. Do to his health and age he retired his bike and membership around June 1986. After this time, he did participate in several Gold Wing Events as a very excellent announcer, and a very strong promoter for GWRRA, and anyone interested in motorcycling. Ralph was the announcer at the 1988 Region E Rally in Waverly, Iowa and we believe this was the last rally attended by Ralph. In 1988, Bob Main, who was State Director at the time, announced the start of the RALPH SWANK AWARD at the Iowa State Firecracker Rally in Grinnell. This award was to be given to someone in the state who showed a strong desire to support and further the growth of GWRRA in IOWA and to be of help to anyone in need of information on the program. The award says "**In recognition of outstanding service to GWRRA and motorcycling in general**". This award is the most prestigious award given with-in the District. The Ralph Swank Award was founded in 1988.

Years Past Recipients & Chapter

2015 Mark Tilton & Roberta McAfee A

2013 Fred & Clara Boldt I

2011 Don & June Detwiler F

2009 Marlene Klein S

2007 John and Sue Olenick E

2005 Ray and Jane Cassatt H

2003 Ron and Karen Knudtson D

2001 Dale & Joy Frank D

1999 Tom & Rosemary Giesel H

1997 Gene & Darlene Holmes I

1995 Tim & Dixie Pherigo A

1993 Boomer & Connie Franklin E

1991 Arnold Kowalsky I

1989 Jack & Mary Repplinger K

2014 Mike & Linda Huppenbauer E

2012 Doug & MaryAnn Boemecke O

2010 Ed & Darlene Moore I

2008 Bob and Trish Russell H

2006 Joe and Judy Pirillo A

2004 Duane and Sondra Rippel I

2002 Tom and Sharon Smith O

2000 Lonnie & Diane Borseth O

1998 Butch & Lorie Conger E

1996 Bob & Doris Roberts O

1994 Terry & Debbie Goepferich A

1992 Bill & Carol Cook E

1990 Ed & Betty Thornton A

1988 Ralph Swank A



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FIRST BLACKSHEEP DINNER RIDE OF 2016

Team 36 Bar & Grill

101 - 2nd Street NW

Mitchellville, Iowa



Left - Turn had a serious accident

I'm so glad to be writing this !! Randy wanted to take me for a ride to Cedar Falls on Saturday the 16th. Debbie decided to drive the truck with their son and grandson following Randy and me on the Gold Wing. Everything was going smooth, until I felt some thing snap around me. To my horror, I flew off the bike ! Debbie and the truck narrowly missed me. Thank goodness she saw what happened to me !!! I saw them brake, but there was too much traffic for them to stop and rescue me. They yelled at me that they would turn around and pick me up ! I was so relieved until I saw the traffic coming. I'm not sure what actually hit me first. I was knocked unconscious and I don't remember anything until being picked up and cuddled by Debbie. She had a tear in her eye and I knew something was terribly wrong ! The picture explains it all. I need surgery ! I need stitches on my bottom, a my leg sewn back on, a new nose and two new eyes ! All in all, I'm a strong Ewe and have excellent Drs working on me. I will mend and will make it to the meeting to show off my new parts and let everyone know how strong the Black Sheep are !!!



A Message from Infinite Color Sponsor

Rhonda Cook

Chapter IA-W Is Ready to Proudly Display their New Chapter Shirts
Submitted by Rhonda Cook

About a year ago, I was contacted by Vicki Harris, Chapter IA-W of Fort Dodge. She was interested in giving their chapter shirts a new look and was hoping I could create something unique. Vicki knew they wanted a Kermit-type frog because, as the Wanderers, they were always “ribbeting down the highway”! And so, the process began. It was interrupted, restarted, revised many times and, after tweaking it to perfection, a new logo was proudly presented to the chapter for review. With all thumbs up, we proceeded with the new shirts.

It’s been a privilege to be involved in another great project with our fellow GWRRA members. It’s an honor to be asked to create something that represents their pride and their ride!



Check out the new GoldWing Treasures Apparel Shop!
Submitted by Rhonda Cook

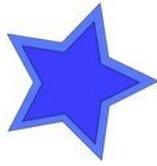
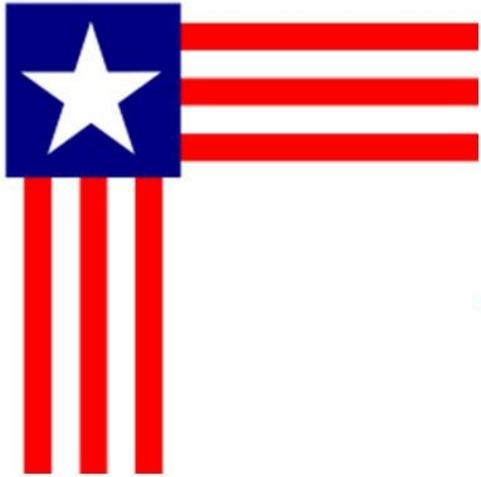
After many years of contemplating and encouragement, I have finally opened a shop on Etsy for GoldWing apparel! There’s always been a large assortment of Harley items available but little for the GoldWing riders. So, this was my chance to begin a shop, offering my own unique designs. The shop will continue to grow as new designs and items are added to the store.

In order to appeal to all shapes and sizes, I am offering apparel up to 6XL and also Talls, up to 4XL. The reviews and comments have been great. As always, I encourage everyone to share their ideas and suggestions for designs and products.

You can find the shop by going to Etsy.com and searching for GoldWing Treasures. Here’s the link, if you would like a shortcut! <https://www.etsy.com/shop/GoldWingTreasures?ref=l2-shopheader-name>

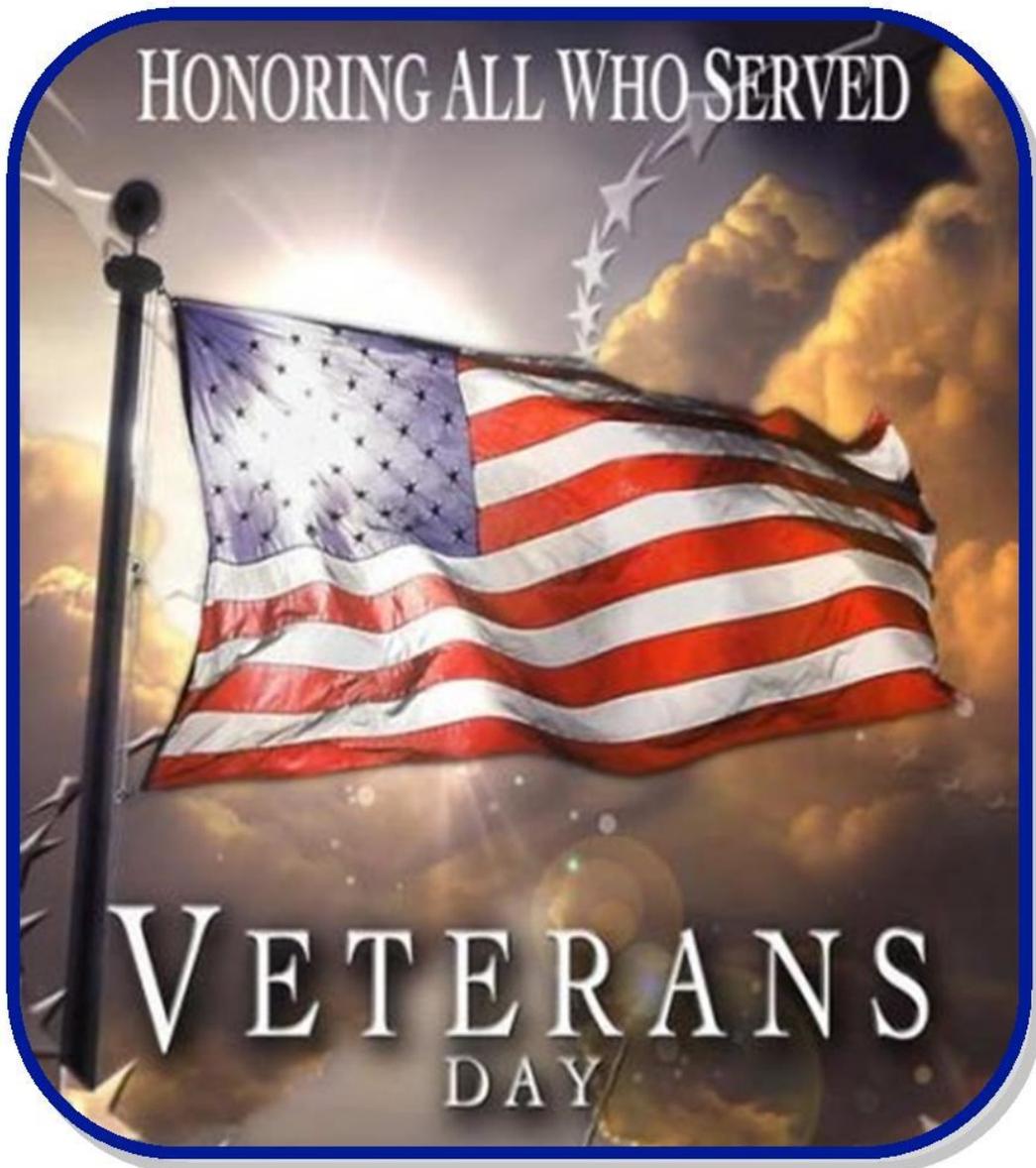
The GoldWing members are always an inspiration to me and I feel blessed to be a part of a great group of people!





Thank You Veterans

Past, Present & Future



Carl Purscell



Army:

August 15th, 1966—July 3rd, 1968

Rank: Sergeant E5 Company D of the 26th Engineer Battalion

-Medals: Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, M-14 Marksman Medal
3 Overseas Service Bars



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Navy

July 26th 1972—July 19th 1974

Rank: Airman E3

CVA 59 / USS Forrestal Aircraft Carrier

Carl was also a boxer in the Navy and won Trophies for his fighting.



Dave Tingle



Army:

July 7, 1970. Did my basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Also did AIT Training in Fort Knox, Kentucky, where I was the Postmaster, from September thru December of 1970.

Then on January 1971 was sent to Ansbach, Germany, 2nd of the 28th Field Artillery. I was the battalion welder.

I was there until April of 1972.

The president was cutting back on the troops and giving enlisted soldiers a chance for early out.

Served one year in the Army Reserve in Des Moines, IA.



Dennis Irvin



National Guard:

Enlisted on March 16, 1984 in the Army Reserves with the 872nd Maintenance Company in Washington, Iowa. In April of 1984. My basic training was at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri. After 8 weeks basic training, I came home for a short visit and then shipped out to Ft. Gordon, GA. for 18 weeks of AIT (advanced individual training). This particular training was for the MOS (military occupational specialty) of 35E, Special Electronics Devices Repairer. After AIT, I returned home and rejoined my unit. . While in the Reserves, I went from a basic private to corporal. After almost 6 years in the reserve, having a few issues with promotion and other stuff, I transferred to the National Guard in December of 1989. I joined Company C of the 234th Signal Battalion in Cedar Rapids. This transitioned to Company A. I lost my corporal rank when I switched to the Guard and had to go in as a specialist. I worked my way to sergeant and became a section sergeant, overseeing the motor-pool and repair of our wheeled equipment. In 2000 I got a call of a position in Iowa City, where I was living at the time, and I accepted a position with the 105th Troop Command as the Maintenance Supervisor. No vehicles at this unit, we drove GSA vehicles so I spent my time doing various work in the S4 (Logistics) section. Drivers licensing, inspections of other units' maintenance programs, clothing issue and inventory. Anything that needed to be done. I was also promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. In 2006, I was transferred to Des Moines into the 671st Troop Command



Gary Kuehnast



Air Force:

Gary Kuehnast (From Chapter W in Fort Dodge)

Commission as 2nd Lt in Air Force from ROTC at Iowa State University Feb 26 1966

Pilot training Enid Ok. 6 May 66 to May 67

Sent to Mac Tan in Philippines Oct 1967
flying in Viet Nam Oct 67 to Dec 68

Flew C-130 transport 750 missions Combat Missions in Viet Nam.

Was awarded the Air Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters for Meritorious Achievement while Participating in Aerial Flight.

Dec 1969 to May 1971 Assigned to Langley AFB, Hampton Roads , Va.



Jeff Lloyd



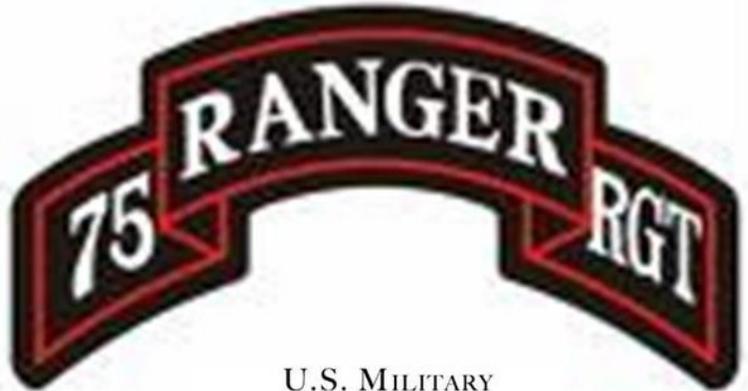
Ranger:

United States Army 1979-1987

Units served: 1/75th Ranger Battalion ,
Savannah, Ga , HHC 24th Infantry Division,
Ft. Stewart Ga. , 21st Replacement
Battalion, Rhine Main Air Base, Frankfurt
Germany , 2/ 2nd Infantry Battalion, Ft.
Lewis, Wa.

Iowa National Guard 1997-1998

Det.1 2 2168th Transportation Company,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa



U.S. MILITARY
VETERANS



of
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

John "Mike" Martin



US Army:

4/12/1966 to 4/11/1968

Fort Leonard Wood, MO- Basic Training

Fort Polk, LA-Advanced Infantry Training

Vietnam First Air Cavalry Infantry 10/66-10/67

Fort Carson, CO

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal w/ Bronze Service Star

Vietnam Campaign Medal

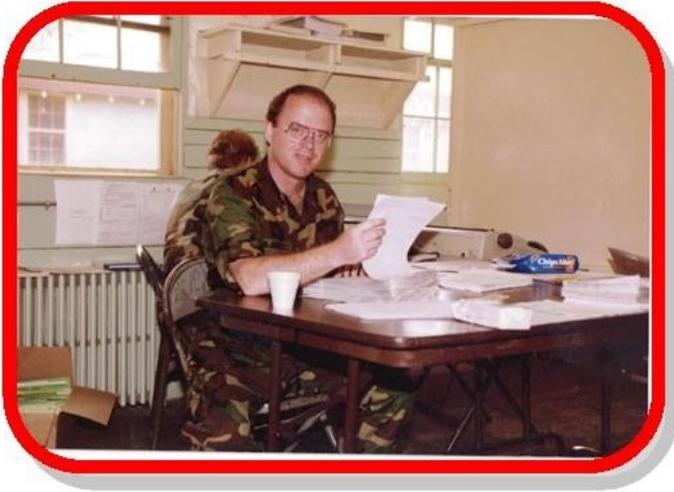
Air Medal - awarded for being in one of the 1st 3 helicopters, jumping out 5 feet above ground, while landing in enemy territory and receiving hostile fire.

Combat Infantry Badge -awarded for being personally present and under fire in active ground combat with the enemy.

*The last two acts of service in enemy territory were a daily part of Mike's year in Vietnam.



John McDowell



Army:

Active Duty: November 1967 to August 1971
Served 2 years in Germany in the 583rd Medical Co. & Ft Carson, CO. where he was a senior medic in the 4th Inf. Div. with the rank of Specialist 5th Class

1971 joined the IA Army National Guard, first unit was with the 204th Medical Co later transferred to State Headquarters at Camp Dodge to serve in the state's finance detachment reaching the rank of SSG, this is where John retired in 2014.



Randy Heath



US Air Force:

1978-1986 Active Duty

1991-2005 Air National Guard at the 132nd Fighter Wing

Air Force Basic Training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio Texas.

Deployed to several countries including Germany, Turkey, Holland, England, Ireland, Belgium, and Canada to name a few.

Was an aircraft mechanic on F 15's at Holloman AFB in New Mexico.

Worked on F 106's in Minot AFB in North Dakota

Became a cook when joined the Air National Guard at the 132nd Fighter Wing from 1991-2005.

Retired as Master Sergeant After 22 years service



Ron Vander Ploeg



U.S. Navy :

Feb 1962 - Feb 1965 Yeoman (E - 4) U.S.S. Sierra Destroyer Tender located in Norfolk, Va. Worked in Torpedo Shop and office. Guarded entrance to secure area in torpedo shop. Assisted officers in upper and lower decks inspections. Typed & distributed reports of inspections to all departments.



GWRRRA Thanks All Veterans for their service



They Did Their Share

On Veterans' Day we honor
Soldiers who protect our nation.
For their service as our warriors,
They deserve our admiration.
Some of them were drafted;
Some were volunteers.
For some it was just yesterday;
For some it's been many years.
We owe so much to them,
Who kept us safe from terror.
So when we see a uniform,
Let's say "thank you" to every wearer.

by Joanna Fuchs



POKER RUN



MASONIC SOUTHGATE LODGE ORGANIZED A BIKE RIDE PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE

Ronald McDonald House

Come join in the fun with Family and Friends. Visit other Lodges in the area, as well as AMVETS Post #2

Registration starts at 9am at HomePlate Diner 304 E 30th St.

Ending at Southgate Lodge #657 1111 Randolph St, Des Moines,

Stops include: Indianola Warren Lodge #53 Norwalk Welfare Lodge #628 Adel Delta Lodge # 80 and AMVETS Post 2

\$20.00 per bike hand / 10.00 additional hands

The best hands win

1st 125.00

2nd 75.00

3rd 50.00

Make new friends
while riding for a
great benefit

Visit the stops and
learn of the history

Each Location will
have refreshments

Door Prizes and a
50/50 drawing

**MASONIC
SOUTHGATE LODGE
#657**

June 18th 2016

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